



# State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY  
GOVERNOR

## MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

2013

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, since 1983, the Minority Business Development Agency within the United States Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the United States Small Business Administration, has sponsored Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week in recognition of the accomplishments of minority entrepreneurs across our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, minority business enterprises in North Carolina employ thousands of residents and work to build a skilled labor force that contributes to the competitiveness of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, this fall, thousands of minority entrepreneurs, corporate representatives, as well as federal, state and local governments, will participate in activities in recognition of the vital role minority businesses play in improving education, our economy and efficiency in state government; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina will celebrate Minority Enterprise Development Month: *Doing Business in the New North Carolina*, and promote awareness of the benefits, risks, requirements and rewards of business ownership in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2013, as "**MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.



  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor